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**PART II - MISCELLANEOUS NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC**

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**NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,**

**COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
GUNTUR**

**Rc.No. 506/2014/C4.**

**Dated: 06.08.2021.**

CASTE STATUS VERIFICATION - GUNTUR DISTRICT - ENQUIRY AND VERIFICATION OF SCHEDULED CASTE STATUS OF Sri KATTERA SURESH KUMAR AND Smt. THELLA HENY CHRISTINA BY DLSC - DLSC RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR - CONSIDERED.

Read : 1. Petition filed by Kaththi Chellamma Raju, Advocate, Gurazala, Dt.10.04.2014.

2. Dy.Chief Electoral Officer, O/o.CEO., South Block, A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad Memo No.6107/Elecs.B1(C)/2014-1, dt.17.4.2014.

3. RDO, Tenali report Rc.No.490/2014-H, dt. 20.04.2014.

4. This office Lr.Rc.506/2014/C4, dt.29.4.2014 addressed to the Dy, CEO.

5. This office Lr.Rc.506/2014/C4, dt.12.5.2014, 25.6.2014 18.7.2014, 22.8.2014, 3.9.2014, 14.10.2014, 18.11.2014 & 12.12.2014 addressed to the enquiry officers.

6. This office D.O.Rc.506/2014/C4, dt.14.2.15 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.

7. This office Rc.506/2014/C4, dt.7.3.2015, 10.4.2015, 7.5.2015, 3.6.2015 & 15.9.2015 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.

8. Lr.Rc.A1/13/2015, dt. .12.2015 of the J.D., S.W., Guntur (Received on 22.1.2016).

9. This office Lr.Rc.506/2014/C4, dt.25.5.2016 & 18.07.2016 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.
10. Lr.Rc.B4/13/2017, dated 26.05.2018 of the Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur.
11. This Office Rc.No. 506/2014/C4, dt.25.01.2019 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.
12. Lr.Rc.B4/13/2015, dated 13.03.2019 of the Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur.
13. This Office Rc.506/2014-C4, dated 19.11.2019 addressed to the DLSC Members.
14. This Office Rc.506/2014-C4, dated 28.02.2020 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.
15. This Office Rc.506/2014-C4, dated 19.05.2020 addressed to the JD, Social Welfare, Guntur.
16. Lr.Rc.B4/13/2015, dated 19.11.2020 of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Guntur.
17. Sub-Collector, Tenali Rc.No.1850/21-G3, dt: 19.05.2021.
18. Representation filed by Smt. Mandru Sarala Kumari W/o Muralidhar R/o Kollipara Village on 29.05.2021.
19. This Office Rc.506/2014-C4, dt.10.06.2021 addressed to the Sub Collector, Tenali and DD, Social Welfare, Guntur.
20. Joint Report submitted by the Sub Collector, Tenali & DD, Social Welfare, Guntur Rc.No.1850/2021-G3, dt. 29.07.2021.
21. Findings dt. 05.08.2021 of the DLSC submitted to the District Collector, Guntur.
22. G.O.Ms. No. 58, Social Welfare (J) Department, dt. 12.05.1997.

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**ORDER:**

Sri Kaththi Chellamma Raju, Publicity Secretary, State TDP SC Cell, Advocate, Gurazala had filed a petition alleging that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar, and his wife Smt.Kattera Christina fraudulently obtained the Scheduled Caste certificates and cheating the public and Government Officials. They are grabbing the legitimate rights of real Scheduled Caste people.

Sri Kaththi Chellamma Raju further alleged that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt.Kattera Christina established and organizing "HARVEST INDIA" a religious Christian institution at Tenali. They played vital role for getting funds at national and international levels and training up several people as Pastors. Now they are trying to participate in elections from Tadikonda Assembly constituency reserved for Scheduled Castes by producing the fraudulent scheduled caste certificate.

Therefore, Sri Kaththi Chellamma Raju requested to conduct enquiry about the Scheduled caste claim of Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt. Christina.

A report dated 20.04.2014 was obtained from the then RDO, Tenali. The RDO reported that it is a fact that the individual started a Christian Organisation by name "HARVEST INDIA" and propagating Christianity. It is also stated that Sri Sudheer Kumar brother of Kattera Suresh Kumar started a Christian Organization by name EARA Ministries and both the brothers promoting Christianity. The RDO, Tenali reported that the then Tahsildar, Tenali issued Hindu-Madiga (SC) Certificate to Kattera Suresh Kumar to 17.12.2008. But there is no recorded evidence that the two brothers have converted to Christianity.

The RDO, stated that Sri Katters Suresh Kumar and Smt Heny Christina filed the following documents in support of their claim that they belong to SC - Hindu Madiga.

• Certificates filed by Kattera Suresh Kumar

Sl.No	Name of the Applicant	Certificate No. & Date of issue	Supporting Documents filed by the applicant
1	Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar, S/o Janaki Ramaiah, Sultanabad, Tenali	Meeseva Certificate vide No. CGC1123 dt.06.01.2014	1. Notarized affidavit, dt. 06.01.2014 2. T.C., issued by VSR & NVR College (Aided), Tenali, Sl.No.232, dt.06.01.2014 3. Aadhar Copy 4. Permanent caste certificate issued by the then Tahsildar vide Spl.Regd.No.5194/2008, dt.17.12.2008 5. Schedule 1 (Indicating the family history of the applicant).
2	Smt. Thella Heny Christina, D/o Devasahayam W/o K.Suresh Kumar Sultanabad, Tenali.	Meeseva Certificate vide No. CGC1211969489 dt.19.01.2014	6. Schedule 1 (Indicating the family history of the applicant). 7. Aadhar Copy 8. Local area & Caste Certificate issued by the Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o the D.D.S.W., Khammam 9. T.C. issued by Montessori Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada vide No.5660 dt.13.09.1993 10. Notarized affidavit, dt. 06.01.2014 11. Caste Certificate issued to Thella Jyostna, D/o Devasahayam issued by the VRO., Vijayawada, dt.24.06.2000. 12. Caste Certificate issued to Thella Jyostna, D/o Devasahayam issued by the then Tahsildar, Tenali, dt.22.02.1983.

A report dated 29.04.2014 was accordingly submitted to the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, A.P, Hyderabad.

As per the instructions of the then District Collector, a Notice in Form-VI was also issued to Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt. Thella Heny Christina calling for their explanation and to attend for enquiry before the DLSC.

At this juncture a report was called from the Deputy Director Social Welfare in the matter.

The then Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur enquired into the matter and submitted a report dated 18.12.2015 as follows.

1. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar S/o Janaki Ramaiah and his wife Thella Heny Christina given statements that their caste is Hindu-Madiga, all their family members belong to Hindu Madiga. They have not taken Baptism in any Christian Church.
2. Caste Certificate dated 17.07.1984 and another Certificate dated 17.12.2008 show that Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Hindu - Madiga.
3. The Pastors of the following churches issued certificates that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is not a member of their Church.
  - Nithya Sahayamatha Church,Chenchupet, Tenali
  - AEL Church, Ithanagar
  - WME Central Church Padison pet, Tenali
  - Area Church of Christ, Tenali
  - NoAH full Gospel Ministrees Tenali
  - Bethel Pente Coastal Church,Tenali
  - Telugu Baptist Church, Tenali

The Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur stated that the following certificates filed on behalf of Smt. Thella Heny Christina.

4. Transfer Certificate issued by the Principal Mantissori Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada.
5. Caste Certificate issued by the Tahsildar, Tenali.

The Joint Director, SW, Guntur finally reported that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Heny Christina belong to Hindu-Madiga.

However as per the note orders of the then Joint Collector, Guntur, the JD, Social Welfare was again requested to send a comprehensive report with reference to

traditions and customs followed by the two individuals, in view of the allegations made by the petitioner that Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Thella Heny Christina established Christian Organization and propagated Christianity by raising funds at national and international level.

The then Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur submitted report dated 26.05.2018 stating that he has conducted a detailed enquiry about the Social customs and traditions followed by the two individuals and their blood relatives.

The JD reported that as per the School records and caste certificate issued by the then Tahsildar, Tenali, the two individuals belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC).

As per the statements given by Sri Lanka Kishore and Sri Pidaparathi Mohana Rao and their blood relatives Smt. Thella Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Scheduled Caste.

As per the statement given by the neighbouring residents of the individuals, the two individuals follow Hindu religious customs and they also visit temples.

Smt.Santha Ratnam, mother of Smt. Thella Heny Christina and Sri.Thella Devasahayam father of Smt Thella Heny Christina had worked as teachers at ZPSS, Kallurugudem in Khammam District and retired from the service. As per their school records, they belong to Hindu -Madiga(SC).

Finally the Joint Director, Social Welfare concluded that the two individuals belong to Hindu Madiga(SC).

All the School records show that the two individuals belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC).

The Joint Director sent another report dated 13.03.2019 stating that the marriage of Smt. Thella Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar was performed as per the Hindu traditions, they follow Hindu religious customs and also visiting temples.

Smt. Thella Heny Christina and Kattera Suresh Kumar performed the naming ceremony(Baarasala) etc., of their children as per Hindu tradition. The blood relatives of the two individuals corroborated the same and stated that the family is following Hindu religious customs and traditions.

The Joint Director, Social Welfare reported that there are photos of Hindu Gods in the house of Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar, they had also performed the last rites of the deceased family members as per Hindu religious customs.

Finally the Joint Director, Social Welfare concluded that Smt. Thella Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC).

At this juncture Smt Mandru Sarala Kumari W/o Muralidhar, resident of Kollipara Village filed a detailed petition to the Collector, Guntur, Sub-Collector, Tenali and Mandal Revenue Officer, Tenali duly enclosing a spiral book entitled



“COMPELLED” and levelled some more allegations and requested to take action in the matter.

The petitioner requested to go through the links, various social media formats of Harvest India to substantiate her claim that Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina are Christians with more than two children. The petition was referred to the Sub Collector, Tenali and the DD, Social Welfare, Guntur for due enquiry and submission of report.

In this connection on 10.06.2021 the Joint collector & Additional District magistrate and Chairman, District level Scrutiny Committee, Guntur has directed the Sub-Collector, Tenali and Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Guntur for conduct of detailed enquiry in to the contents of the petition filed by Smt Mandru Sarala Kumari W/o Muralidhar and submit joint enquiry report at an early date duly following G.O. Ms. No.58, Social Welfare (J2 Dept.,) dt. 12.05.1997 and submit report in the questionnaire cum check memo which was communicated.

The Sub Collector, Tenali and the DD, Social Welfare, Guntur submitted a joint report dt.29.07.2021 stating that the then Deputy Director of Social welfare, Guntur has submitted his report addressed to the Collector, Guntur on the caste of Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Thella Heny Christina, it is noticed that previously the Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur has submitted a report on 22.01.2016 to the DLSC, Guntur and the Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Tenali has also previously conducted detailed enquiry into the social status of the two individuals, their blood relatives and their neighbours and reported that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Thella Heny Christina both belong to Hindu- Madiga by caste and also obtained the caste proofs of the mother of Smt Thella Heny Christina as her mother worked as SGT, U.P.S., Kallurugudem, Vemsoor Mandal, Khammam District and obtained a copy of the Service Register from the concerned School from where she retired in which the caste category of her mother was recorded as SC and further the ASWO, Tenali was requested to once again cause a thorough enquiry and submit report. The District Social Welfare Officer, Guntur has conducted re-enquiry into the matter and submitted his report on 16.11.2020. The Sub Collector, Tenali reported that it was also brought to her notice that DLSC met on 26.11.2019 and it was decided to compile the findings for discussion and also direct the DD, Social Welfare to re-verify the same and submit a report before the Committee. Thereafter, the DLSC instructed that the competent authority must establish clearly through local enquiry about the actual religion being professed by the said persons as established by the conduct and issue a certificate as a scheduled caste only to those persons who profess either Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism, but not Christianity.

The Sub Collector, Tenali reported that the Tahsildar, Tenali was requested to conduct enquiry into the matter and submit the detailed enquiry report for onward submission to the Joint Collector & Addl. District Magistrate and Chairman, Dist. Level Scrutiny Committee, Guntur.

The Tahsildar, Tenali who conducted enquiry into the matter along with the Mandal Revenue Inspector - I, Tenali recorded the statement from Sri Kathera Suresh, aged about 54 years, resident of Door No.35-8-5A, Sultanabad, Tenali town and Mandal and Sri Kathera Suresh stated in his statement that he belongs to Hindu-Madiga by Caste and he studied M.A., L.L.B., and working as CEO of K.S.K. Educational Institutions, he is the elder son of his parents namely Sri Kathera Janakiramaiah and Smt. Kathera Lalitha Kumari and he married one Thella Heny Christina, who is the third daughter of Sri Thella Devasahayam and Smt. Thella Santha Rathnam, residents of Vemsur village of Khammam District in the year 1993 and they were blessed with two children namely (1) Kathera David Yeshwanth, aged about 25 years, Educational qualification: M.B.B.S., Unmarried, Aadhar No : 407268907999 and (2) Kathera Lalitha Kumari, aged about 15 years, studying 10<sup>th</sup> class, Un-Married, Aadhar No : 412081441244. Further he stated that, in the educational qualification certificates i.e., Xth, Intermediate and B. A. Degree wherein his caste was recorded as Hindu - Madiga by caste and he also declared in his statement that he belongs to Hindu-Madiga by caste and regarding his caste and his fore fathers caste he declared that all are belong to hindu- Madiga by caste as per hierarchy and nobody has changed their caste to Christian, he stated that, he is regularly visiting Shivalayam temple and extending their help through their organisation Harvest India to the people in different service oriented programmes irrespective of their religion, creed, caste and also providing free education to the poor children and helping in performing marriages to the poor people.

The Tahsildar, Tenali further reported that, they also enquired and recorded statement from Smt Thella Heny Christina, aged about 51 years, resident of Door. No.32-8-5A, Sultanabad, Tenali town and Mandal, she stated in her statement that, she got married with Kattera Suresh Kumar who is the elder son of Sri Kattera Janaki Ramaiah and Smt. Kattera Lalitha Kumari, residents of Tenali town and Mandal in the year 1993, Smt Thella Heny Christina stated in her statement that, she belongs to Hindu-Madiga by Caste, studied B.A., and working as Sociologist, she is the daughter of her parents namely Sri Thella Devasahayam and Smt. Thella Santha Ratnam (Retd. Teacher SGT) and she, stated that, they were blessed with two children namely (1) Kathera David Yeshwanth, aged about 25 years, Educational qualification: M.B.B.S., Unmarried and (2) Kathera Lalitha Kumari, aged about 15 years, studying 10<sup>th</sup> class, Un-Married, Aadhar No : 412081441244. Further she stated that, in the educational qualification certificates i.e., Intermediate transfer certificate wherein her caste was

recorded as Hindu - Madiga, she also filed supporting documents and also stated that, she is regularly visiting Shivalayam temple and extending their help through their organisation Harvest India to the people in different service oriented programmes.

The Tahsildar, Tenali reported that they enquired and recorded statement from Sri Lanka Kishore S/o Prakasam, aged about 39 years, caste by Hindu-Madiga, resident of Door No.5-6-51, Ithanagar, Tenali town and Mandal,. In his statement he stated that, while reiterating the above he stated that, he is the cousin of Kathera Suresh Kumar, he belongs to Hindu-Madiga community and his caste name is also mentioned as same in his educational certificate and his cousin Kattera Suresh Kumar also belongs to Hindu-Madiga community.

The Tahsildar, Tenali has also reported that, they recorded statement from the neighbours i.e., (1) Sri Chaluvadi Hanumantha Rao S/o Nageswara Rao, aged about 48 years, caste by Hindu-Vysya, resident of Door No. 5-21-24, Ithanagar, Tenali town and Mandal and (2) Sri Banka Venkatesh S/o Subba Rao, aged about 32 years, caste by Hindu-Kapu, resident of Door No. 2-14-24, Nandulapet, Tenali town and Mandal while reiterating the above, both Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Heny Christina are belong to hindu-Madiga and following hindu customs and rites and worshipping hindu gods and attend hindu temples frequently for submitting holy rituals and also they worship other religious gods also on par with hindu gods.

The Tahsildar, Tenali also reported that, they recorded statement from the Mammillapalli Nagaraju S/o Mangapathi Rao, aged about 39 years, caste by Hindu-Brahmin, resident of Door No. 2-75, Zampani Village, Vemuru Mandal he stated in his statement that, he is working as Archaka in Shivalayam situated in Sultanabad of Tenali town and Mandal Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Thella Heny Christina both are following Hinduism and attend the Shivalayam frequently for submission of their holy rituals and their family members are also attending the temple frequently, the said Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Thella Heny Christian are conducting service oriented programmes through their Harvest India organisation by helping to the poor and also to the poor workers in the temple and priests also.

Further, the Tahsildar, Tenali has also verified the supported documentary evidences produced by Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina along with their statements during the time of enquiry and on verification of the educational certificates of Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar it is revealed as under:



1. In X Class T.C. No.131/80-81, dated 3.2.1981 with admission number 3783, issued by S.S.S. Municipal High School, Ithanagar, Tenali, his caste is mentioned as Hindu-Harijana Madiga.
2. In Intermediate T.C .No.59921 with admission No.1958, dated 15.7.1983 issued by Govt. Junior College, Bhadrachalam, his caste is mentioned as Hindu-Madiga (SC).
3. On verification TC relating to his B.A. Degree with admission No.1852 issued by VSR and SV College, Tenali, his caste name is mentioned as SC- Madiga.
4. The then Tahsildar, Tenali Mandal has issued Caste Certificate in the name of Kathera Suresh Kumar on 13.7.1984, wherein his caste is stated as Harijana-Madiga.
5. In the year 1987, Mandal Revenue Officer, Tenali issued Caste Certificate in his name vide RC/A3/1/87-(SC), whereunder his caste name is mentioned as Hindu-Madiga.
6. The then Tahsildar, Tenali in the year 2008 issued Caste Certificate in his name vide No. Spl. Reg. No. 5194/2008, dated 17.12.2008 certifying that he belongs to Madiga-SC (Group-B).

And on verification of the documentary evidences produced by Smt Thella Heny Christina at the time of the enquiry, it revealed as hereunder.

7. Her Intermediate TC with Admission No.6084 issued by Montessori Women's College, Vijayawada discloses her caste as Indian-Hindu-SC.
8. As per the Local Area and Caste Certificate dated 10.5.1989 issued by Asst. Accounts Officer, O/O Deputy District Social Welfare Officer, Khammam, her caste is mentioned as S.C. Sub-Caste Madiga.
9. In the same lines, the caste of their children i.e., Kathera David Yeshwanth and Kathera Mercy Precilla is mentioned in their educational certificates.

In this connection, the Tahsildar, Tenali further submitted that, on enquiry with Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Thella Heny Christina, they gave statements as above that they belong to Hindu-Madiga community and they never changed their religion. It is learnt that, they are conducting service programmes through their organisation Harvest India, for which Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar is the Chairman. There are branches to this organisation at UK, USA, Andhra Pradesh and Chattisgarh. There is no proof available to the effect that they have converted to Christianity from Hindu-Madiga community. In the Pattadar Passbook obtained in the name of Heny Christina, W/o Kathera Suresh Kumar for Khata No.5090 of Kattevaram Village, her caste name is shown as SC. At the time of causing enquiry, it is noticed that they adorned the photographs of Hindu Gods as well as Jesus Christ on the walls of their home.

The Tahsildar, Tenali submitted that, Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina informed during enquiry that they are regularly visiting Sivalayam, enquiry was caused with temple priest Sri Mamilla Nagaraju and he confirmed the

same and also stated that, they are extending their help through their organisation Harvest India to the people. On enquiry it is learnt that Kathera Suresh Kumar through his Organisation Harvest India is conducting various services to people irrespective of their religion and also providing free education to the poor children and marriages to the poor.

The Tahsildar, Tenali further reported that, on verification of legal position, it is noticed that the entries in the School register preceding the Constitution do furnish great probative value to the declaration of the status of a caste. Hierarchical caste stratification of Hindu social order has its reflection in all entries in the public records. What would, therefore, depict the caste status of the people inclusive of the school or college records, as the then census rules insisted upon. Undoubtedly, Hindu social order is based on hierarchy and caste was one of the predominant factors during pre-Constitution period.

The Tahsildar, Tenali finally reported that, in view of the above and due course of enquiry and genuineness on verification of the records produced by both Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar S/o Janaki Ramaiah and Smt. Thella Heny Christina D/o Devasahayam and W/o Kattera Suresh Kumar and during the course of enquiry, it is revealed that the said Suresh Kumar and his wife never converted to other religion. The Tahsildar, Tenali therefore reported that, Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar S/o Janaki Ramaiah and Smt. Thella Heny Christina D/o Devasahayam and W/o Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Hindu-Madiga by caste and enclosed the attested copies of educational qualification certificates of both Sri Kattera Suresh and Thella Heny Christian, enquiry report of MRI-I, Tenali, Statements of neighbours, relatives, Photos, paper clippings for taking further action in the matter.

The Sub Collector, Tenali stated that Notices were issued to all concerned from the Sub-Collector's Office, Tenali to attend for enquiry on 29.07.2021 and the notices has been served on both the individuals.

The Sub Collector, Tenali reported that the enquiry was conducted with both Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina on the petition filed in the reference by Smt Mandru Sarala Kumari W/o Muralidhar, resident of Kollipara Village duly enclosing a spiral book with allegations as shown hereunder.

Sl. No.	Petitioners allegations	Enquiry findings.
1	<p>Petitioner enclosing a spiral book entitled "COMPELLED" containing foreword 11 chapters, followed by acknowledgements and about Harvest India. The petitioner referred to Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina, Harvest-India Christian organisation, submission of online evidences. Annual Returns of Harvest India-MHA, www.fcraonline.nic.in clearly stating that head of account - Religious (Christian) Activities. The petitioner also referred to the book named "COMPELLED" written by Bishop Kathera Suresh Kumar, President Harvest of India in which he explain about his family and Christian religious activities</p>	<p>During the enquiry conducted with Sri kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina they stated that, Harvest-India, Vijayawada with Regd. No. 120/1998 is a Service oriented Society withot any benefit and submitted his Society Bye-Laws wherein there are no else particulars of the Christian programmes or such are mentioned in the Bye-Laws of the Society. When coming to the book "COMPELLED" which is said to be written by Kattera Suresh Kumar and asked about this issue during enquiry he stated that, the book is wirtten with moral ethics for the welfare of the people and for serving the poor by taking some of the morals of the greatperson Jesus christ life as one of the moral along with the Gowtham Buddha.</p>
2	<p>The petitioner requested to go through the links, various social media formats of Harvest India to substantiate her claim that Sri Kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina are Christians with more than tow children.</p>	<p>During the enquiry conducted with Sri kathera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina they stated that, they are being following Hinduism since from their ancestors and forefathers and their caste category is also recorded as Hindu-Madiga (SC) in their educational qualification certificates and following hindu customs dule attending the hindu temples frequently attending the Shivalayam Temple, Sultanabad, Tenali and conduct hindu festivals such as Deepavali, mahashivarathri, Sankranthi, Vinayakachavithi etc. and also their death cerimonials are also follwed as per the hindu customs and stated that all the petition contents are fabricated. Coming to the prgnant births to their couple they informed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kathera David Yeshwanth, Son,</li> <li>2. Kathera Lalitha Kumari, daughter,</li> </ol> <p>and got enquired about the other two persons who are said to be their children. During the enquiry they produced the date of birth certificates of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chiluvuru Josh Boaz in which the parents names are mentiones as father name : Chiluvuru Ravi Kumar, Mother Name : Chiluvuru Bula</li> <li>2. Valluri Mercy Pricilla in which the parents names are mentiones as father name : Valluri Balasowri, Mother Name : Valluri Sudha Rani.</li> </ol> <p>The birth certificates of the two persons who are said to be children of Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina are enclosed.</p>

3	The petitioner stated that, they baptize people in nearby rivers after they follow Lord Jesus Christ. Harvest India is Christian Evangelical Organisation registered with union Ministry of home affairs having FCRA License bearing No. 010260176 Official website of MHA www.fcraonline.nic.in. His headquarters is situated at Vijayawada, as per records Mr. Suresh Kumar is President and Chief Functionary of Harvest India Mrs Thella Heny Christina is having active role in all activities of Harvest India.	During the enquiry Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar has not produced any baptism certificate and also stated in his statement that he and his family members are also not baptised in any Church are by any pastor for following or for changing into Christianity. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar has given his written declaration that he has not studied any Christian course and he is not given any ordination on completion of any Christian courses and he is not a Bishop in Christianity, he stated that, he has not involved in such activities. Further he stated that, Harvest-India, Society is purely deal with service oriented programmes but not related to Christian activity programmes or such according to their society Bye-laws.
4	The petitioner stated that, Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is running a church named "King's Temple" at "Harvest India" campus Garuvupalem Village of Chebrolu Mandal to which he is the head priest and conducts prayer meetings. The petitioner alleged that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is a Christian and he is running "Harvest India" which is an Evangelical organisation.	During the enquiry Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar stated that, the Church with name "King's Temple" is located in Harvest India Campus, Garuvupalem and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is not working as priest in King's Temple. He also stated that, "Harvest India" is not a Christian organisation and is purely service oriented society and all the allegation levelled against them are false and fabricated.

The Sub Collector, Tenali reported that in view of the above enquiry contents by the different officials in different levels wherein all of them have recommended that, Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina are following Hindu rites and custom and belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC) by caste and also on verification of the documentary evidences produced by both of them which disclose that they belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC) by caste.

In the circumstances afore said, the Sub Collector, Tenali requested to take the above facts into consideration and pass appropriate orders in the matter.

The DLSC examined the contents of the complaint petitions and the reports submitted by the RDO, Tenali, JD, Social Welfare, Guntur, DD, Social Welfare, Guntur and the Sub Collector, Tenali and the Tahsildar, Tenali. The following are the findings of the enquiry officers:

1. The RDO, Tenali reported that the then Tahsildar, Tenali issued Hindu-Madiga (SC) Certificate to Kattera Suresh Kumar to 17.12.2008. But there is no recorded evidence that the two brothers have converted to Christianity as per G.O.Ms.NO.185.
2. RDO, stated that the two individuals filed the following documents in support of their claim that they belong to SC.
  - Certificates filed by Kattera Suresh Kumar

Sl.No	Name of the Applicant	Certificate No. & Date of issue	Supporting Documents filed by the applicant
1	Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar, S/o Janaki Ramaiah, Sultanabad, Tenali	Meeseva Certificate vide No. CGC1123 dt.06.01.2014	1. Notarized affidavit, dt. 06.01.2014 2. T.C., issued by VSR & NVR College (Aided), Tenali, Sl.No.232, dt.06.01.2014 3. Aadhar Copy 4. Permanent caste certificate issued by the then Tahsildar vide Spl.Regd.No.5194/2008, dt.17.12.2008 5. Schedule 1 (Indicating the family history of the applicant.
2	Smt. Thella Heny Christina, D/o Devasahayam W/o K.Suresh Kumar Sultanabad, Tenali.	Meeseva Certificate vide No. CGC1211969489 dt.19.01.2014	6. Schedule 1 (Indicating the family history of the applicant. 7. Aadhar Copy 8. Local area & Caste Certificate issued by the Asst. Accounts Officer, O/o the D.D.S.W., Khammam 9. T.C. issued by Montessori Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada vide No.5660 dt.13.09.1993 10. Notarized affidavit, dt. 06.01.2014 11. Caste Certificate issued to Thella Jyostna, D/o Devasahayam issued by the VRO., Vijayawada, dt.24.06.2000. 12. Caste Certificate issued to Thella Jyostna, D/o Devasahayam issued by the then Tahsildar, Tenali, dt.22.02.1983.

3. The then Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur enquired into the matter and submitted a report dated 18.12.2015 as follows.

1. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar S/o Janaki Ramaiah and his wife Thella Heny Christina given statements that their caste is Hindu-Madiga, all their family members belong to Hindu Madiga. They have not taken Baptism in any Christian Church.
2. Caste Certificate dated 17.07.1984 and another Certificate dated 17.12.2008 show that Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Hindu - Madiga.
3. The Pastors of the following churches issued certificates that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is not a member of their Church.

- Nithya Sahayamatha Church, Chenchupet, Tenali
- AEL Church, Ithanagar
- WME Central Church Padison pet, Tenali
- Area Church of Christ, Tenali
- NoAH full Gospel Ministrees Tenali
- Bethel Pente Coastal Church, Tenali
- Telugu Baptist Church, Tenali

4. The Joint Director, SW, Guntur finally reported that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Heny Christina belong to Hindu-Madiga.
5. The then Joint Director, Social Welfare, Guntur submitted report dated 26.05.2018 stating that he has conducted a detailed enquiry about the



Social customs and traditions followed by the two individuals and their blood relatives.

The JD reported that as per the School records and caste certificate issued by the then Tahsildar, Tenali, the two individuals belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC).

6. As per the statements given by Sri Lanka Kishore and Sri Pidaparthi Mohana Rao, Smt. Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and their blood relatives, they belong to Scheduled Caste.
7. As per the statement given by the neighbouring residents of the individuals, the two individuals follow Hindu religious customs and they also visit temples.
8. All the School records show that the two individuals belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC).
9. The Joint Director sent another report dated 13.03.2019 stating that the marriage of Smt. Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar was performed as per the Hindu traditions, they follow Hindu religious customs and also visiting temples.
10. Smt. Heny Christina and Kattera Suresh Kumar performed the naming ceremony(Baarasala) etc., of their children as per Hindu tradition. The blood relatives of the two individuals corroborated the same and stated that the family is following Hindu religious customs and traditions.
11. The Joint Director, Social Welfare reported that there are photos of Hindu Gods in the house of Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar, they had also performed the last rites of the deceased family members as per Hindu religious customs.
12. Finally the Joint Director, Social Welfare concluded that Smt.Heny Christina and Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC).
13. The Sub Collector, Tenali and the DD, Social Welfare, Guntur submitted a joint enquiry report dt.29.07.2021 concluding that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and his wife Smt Heny Christina are following Hindu Religion and they belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC) as disclosed by the enquiry and the documentary evidences produced by the individuals.

In the check memos enclosed to the report, it is reported as follows:

1. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar is acting as Chairman of harvest - India, Vijayawada Society and he is the main organiser of the society activities in running Schools, colleges etc.,
2. Smt Heny Christina is not in the Executive body of Harvest - India, Vijayawada Society.
3. Smt Heny Christina attended the programmes conducted under Harvest-India, Vijayawada on behalf of her husband Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and along with her husband oftenly.
4. As per the Bye-Laws of Harvest India, Vijayawada Society the main aims and objectives are purely service oriented but not of Christianity.
5. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar has not studied any Christian course and he is not given any ordination on completion of any christian course and he is not a Bishop in Christianity.

6. The book is written with moral ethics for the welfare of the people and for serving the poor by taking some of the morals of the great person Jesus Christ's life as one of the moral along with the Gowtham Buddha.
7. Harvest-India is receiving funds from Foreign Nations for empowerment of poor people as per the aims and objectives mentioned in the Bye-Laws of Harvest India.
8. Sri Kattera Suresh and his wife Henry Christina and their children are not employed either in State Government or Central Government under reservation category and their children are also not availed any reservation in their education under Scheduled caste category.
9. As per the Bye-Laws of Harvest India, Vijayawada Society submitted by Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar its main aims and objectives are purely service oriented but not of Christianity.
10. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar has given his written declaration that he has not studied any Christian course and he is not given any ordination on completion of any Christian courses and he is not a Bishop in Christianity. The declaration is herewith enclosed.

The complainants pleaded that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Henry Christiana are following Christianity and also propagating Christian religion, they being associated with "Harvest India" and a Christian Church.

The 2 Individuals denied these allegations and stated that they are not following Christianity, they are not baptized. More over, they are following Hindu Religious Customs and celebrating Hindu Festivals only. Their ancestors belong to Hindu religion and their Marriage was performed as per Hindu Religious customs. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar denied that he had undergone training in Bible Course. He denied the allegation that he is a Bishop, he stated that "Harvest India" is only a service orientated organization, serving poor people across the India. There is no religious motive to the organization. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Henry Christina produced the caste certificates, School T.Cs which show their caste as SC. Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar denied the allegation that he is working as a Priest in a Church situated at Garuvupalem village of Chebrolu Mandal. They also signed an affidavit that they belong to Hindu Madiga (SC).

The Sub Collector, Tenali stated that the Tahsildar, Tenali, the Competent Authority conducted spot enquiry and reported that the 2 Individuals following Hindu Religious Customs only. The neighbours stated that the 2 individuals are following Hindu Religious customs only. It is also stated that the 2 Individuals go to Hindu Temples. The Blood relatives stated that they belong to Hindu Religion only. The Tahsildar, Tenali who is Competent Authority, therefore, stated that, the Individuals belong to Hindu Madiga Caste only, even though, they are associated with Harvest India, which is stated to be a service orientated organization.

Finally, the Sub Collector, Tenali and the Deputy Director (S.W.), Guntur reported that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Henry Christiana belong to Hindu-Madiga(SC) and they are following Hindu Religion.

The DLSC taken up final enquiry into the issue on 05.08.2021; accordingly Notices were issued to the petitioners and the respondents to attend for enquiry before the DLSC. Sri Kaththi Chellamma Raju represented by Brahmeswara Rao is present for enquiry before the DLSC. Smt Mandru Sarala Kumari W/o Muralidhar also present. Sri K. Suresh Kumar and Smt Henry Christina, the respondents are present.

All the findings of the DLSC enquiry and reports of the the Sub Collector, Tenali and DD, Social Welfare, Guntur were provided to the petitioners for their information and making representation if any to the DLSC. Sri Brahmeswara Rao representing Kaththi Chellamma Raju requested for grant of one adjournment. As per the records, the DLSC meeting was conducted on 08.05.2014, 19.05.2014, 07.07.2014, 01.09.2014, 28.09.2015, 26.11.2019, 05.12.2020 and 05.08.2021. But the petitioner not filed any material in support of his allegation before the DLSC during the period between 08.05.2014 and 05.08.2021. Which show that he has got no further evidence with him. Therefore his request for adjournment not considered.

Smt M. Sarala Kumari filed the copies of the documents which were earlier filed by her and argued that the book "Compelled" was written by Kattera Suresh Kumar wherein the respondents portrayed as Christians, she also argued that the pictures and videos submitted by her speak about the activities of Christian religion.

The respondents argued that right from their primary school education their caste is recorded as SC Madiga from the year 1981, they argued that the complaint filed against them is politically motivated as it was filed after they entered into the politics, they denied the allegations made by the petitioners and claimed that they belong to Hindu-Madiga caste and following Hindu religion. Smt Heny Christina stated that she contested as MLA candidate for Tadikonda SC reserved constituency during the year 2014, the Election Commission after due enquiry accepted the nomination filed by her. The respondents pleaded that all the field enquiries have been in favour of them.

The Committee discussed the issue. The DD, Social Welfare stated that four enquiries were conducted by the Social Welfare Department, they visited the house of the respondents, enquired the neibours in the locality and in the temples. Their enquiries confirmed that the respondents belong to SC Madiga. He stated that the then JD, Social Welfare submitted report dt.18.12.2015 confirming the caste of the respondents as SC Madiga, two other reports dt.09.05.2018 and dt.05.02.2019 were filed confirming the same. The DSWO submitted report dt.17.11.2020 confirming the caste of the respondents as SC Madiga.

The Sub Collector, Tenali and the Tahsildar, Tenali reported that all school certificates of the respondents were verified and their caste found to be SC Madiga. The Sub Collector, Tenali submitted point wise reply in the questionnaire prescribed for enquiry. The Sub Collector, Tenali and the DD, Social Welfare, Guntur concluded that there is no evidenciary documents or outcome of field enquiry in favour of the complainants. All the social and religious status as confirmed from the field enquiry are in favour of the respondents as Hindu SC Madiga.

"Findings of the Deputy Director of Social Welfare, Guntur and the Sub Collector, Tenali have been provided for perusal of the complainants. Allegations made by the complainants have been provided to the respondents to file defense.

After hearing both the sides as well as after discussing the findings of the Deputy Director of Social Welfare on several inquiries, the complainants could not prove or able to submit any substantial documentary proof in support of their claim. The respondents have submitted explanation to all the allegations. It is inferred and explicit that all the activities as alleged by the complainants are related to Social services to the Poor and Downtrodden without attaching any religious benefits. The Professional positions in such activities in the religious locations/circumstances may not be viewed as professing and following one particular religion. As the Field enquiry reveals that they are worshipping Hindu Gods as well as Jesus and following the customs of going to Hindu Temple as well as other religion institutions, this committee is of the opinion that the documentary proof submitted by the complainant are not sufficient and the explanation of the respondents may be allowed.”

Accordingly, the DLSC recommended to confirm that Sri.Kattera Suresh Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina belong to Hindu Madiga (Scheduled Caste).

The report of the DLSC along with the reports submitted by the Social Welfare Department and the Sub Collector, Tenali and the record of enquiry have been duly examined. The original complaint petition was filed during April 2014. The first petitioner apparently not turned up before the DLSC or the District Collector to file any material in support of his allegation that the respondents are christians. He has not attended for final enquiry on 05.08.2021 even after receipt of the Notice to file any evidences in support of his allegation. Therefore it is construed that he has got no further evidence to submit.

Smt Mandru Sarala Kumari attended for enquiry before the DLSC on 05.08.2021 and filed copies of the same documents which she had filed earlier. The Sub Collector, Tenali and DD, Social Welfare, Guntur conducted a detailed field enquiry and examined the documents filed by the complainants and the respondents and submitted detailed report to the DLSC concluding that as per the Bye-Laws submitted by the respondent “Harvest India” is purely a service oriented organisation, serving the poor and down trodden community and there is no religious affiliation to the organisation. On the other hand the field enquiry revealed that the respondents are following Hindu religion and the entire academic record, School T.Cs and caste certificates prove that they belong to SC Madiga. There is no new evidence filed by the petitioners to prove otherwise.

In view of the above circumstances and in exercise of powers conferred, under Sub Rule 7 of Rule 9 of A.P.by the Government under Rule (9) of A.P. (SC/ST & BC) Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 (G.O.Ms. No.58 S.W. (J) Dept., dated. 12.05.1997) read with section 5 (i) of A.P. (SCs, STs and BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community, Certificates, Act 16 of 1993. I, Vivek Yadav, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby confirm that Sri Kattera Suresh

Kumar and Smt Thella Heny Christina residents of Tenali town belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC).

An appeal against this order lies before the Government within thirty (30) days from the publication of order in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette as per Section 7 (2) of Act 16 of 1993.

**VIVEK YADAV,**  
*Collector and District Magistrate,*  
*Guntur.*

Rc.No.506/2014/C4

Dated: 06.08.2021

**NOTIFICATION**

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred under section 5 (1) of the A.P. (SC/ST/BC) Issue of community certificate Act 16 of 1993 r/w Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC/ST/BC) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, Dt: 12-5-1997, I, Vivek Yadav, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby confirm that Sri Kattera Suresh Kumar and Thella Heny Christina residents of Tenali town belong to Hindu-Madiga (SC).

**VIVEK YADAV,**  
*Collector and District Magistrate,*  
*Guntur.*

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